



DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT



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PLACEMENTS UNCHANGED

For the week ending December 11, 2004, growers placed 11.2 million broiler chicks in Delmarva grow houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were equal to the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.2 million) equaled the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.8 million, an increase of 0.4% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.0 million for the week ending December 04, 2004 compared to 11.0 million slaughter during the same week in 2003.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/ PREV YR	EGGS SET 1/ CURR YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ PREV YR	CHICKS HATCHED 1/ CURR YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ PREV YR	CHICKS PLACED 2/ CURR YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
10/16/04	12,214	12,876	10,867	11,112	10,867	11,115
10/23/04	12,418	12,586	10,812	11,151	10,812	11,151
10/30/04	13,799	13,314	10,787	10,807	10,787	10,809
11/06/04	14,064	13,554	10,123	10,760	10,123	10,760
11/13/04	13,201	13,074	10,380	10,553	10,380	10,553
11/20/04	13,508	13,337	11,445	11,156	11,445	11,156
11/27/04	13,859	13,803	11,653	11,306	11,752	11,306
12/04/04	13,695	13,218	10,958	10,808	11,048	10,808
12/11/04	13,762	13,810	11,250	11,246	11,250	11,246

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING 12/18/04	PREV. WEEK	PREV. MONTH	PREV. YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	64.07	64.08	61.79	62.26
12-City Composite 2/	68.00	68.43	67.67	66.01

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

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